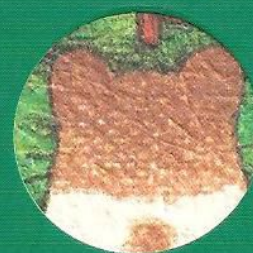


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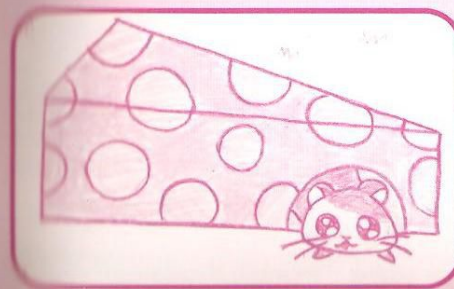
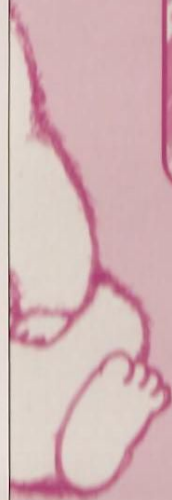
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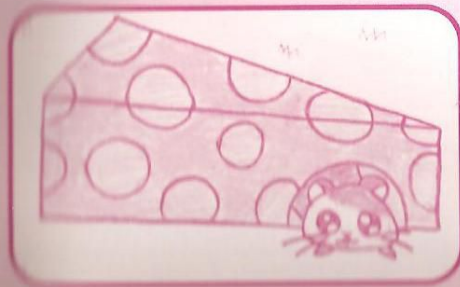


Hamtaro creator Ritsuko Kawai was born in Osaka, Japan. She received a design degree from Kyoto Saga University of Arts. After graduation, she set out to Tokyo to seek her fortune as a comic-book artist.

Since 1997, Ms. Kawai's Hamtaro stories have been serialized in *Shogaku Ni Nensei*, a magazine for Japanese school-children published by Shogakukan. The animation series based on her Hamtaro books has been on the air in Japan since 2000, and began broadcasting in English in the United States in July of 2002. Her Hamtaro books have sold over 6 million copies in Japan.









The Adventures  
of  
**Hamtaro**

Hamtaro Gets Lost & Other Stories



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# THE STORY THUS FAR...

This is the tale of a hamster who can understand people...most of the time.

One day, the hamster was taken away from his mother.



The hamster was put into a little box and taken to live with somebody else.

He was brought to the home of a little girl named Yukari.  
(Pronounced "Yoo-KAH-ree.")

That was the first day of the hamster's new life!



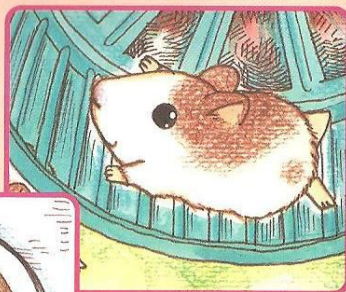
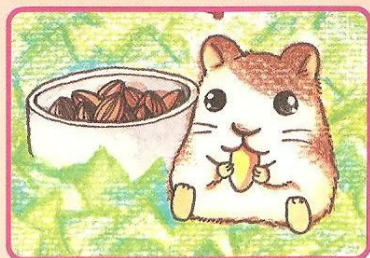




Yukari named the hamster "Hamtaro."

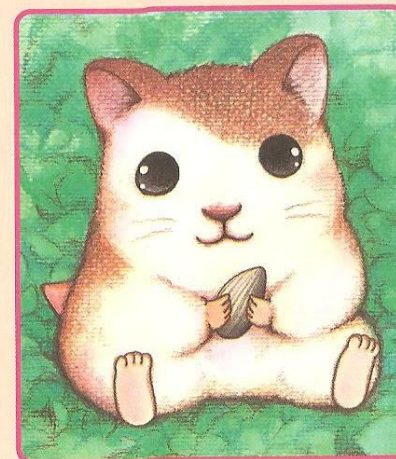
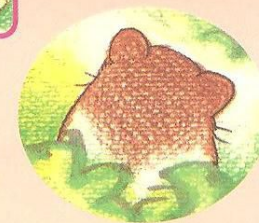


Hamtaro moved into a little house in a nice cage, and he and Yukari became good friends. Hamtaro was happy.



He was so happy that...

...he hardly ever missed his mother and all his brothers and sisters.



To find out more, read *The Adventures of Hamtaro Vol. 1: A Home For Hamtaro & Other Stories!*





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## Yukari's Diary

Sometimes  
Yukari sits still  
at her desk for  
a long time.

What is  
she doing?

I have no idea. But  
the top of her desk is  
a fun place to play!

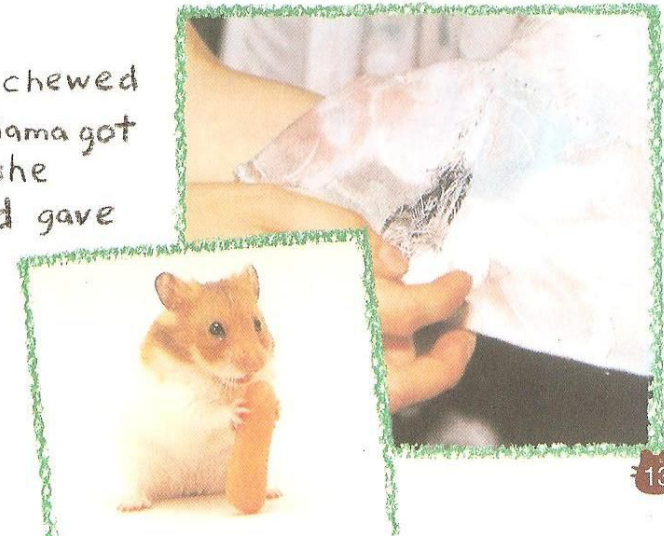
Dear Diary,  
Hamtaro fits in my  
hands. He's so-o-o  
cute!



Dear Diary,  
Hamtaro is running in  
his wheel. It's night-  
time, so Papa keeps  
yelling, "Stop that  
racket!"



Dear Diary,  
Today Hamtaro chewed  
up a curtain. Mama got  
mad, but then she  
forgave him and gave  
him a baby  
carrot.





Dear Diary,  
There are lots of cute hamsters at the pet store. But I think Hamtaro is the cutest.



Dear Diary,  
Sometimes Hamtaro plays with my toys.



Dear Diary,  
Hamtaro likes tunnels. He'll even go into the center of a toilet paper roll!



Dear Diary,  
I asked the woman at the pet store what hamsters eat. She told me they eat a lot of different things.



BROCCOLI



CABBAGE



CARROT



CORN



CUCUMBER



PUMPKIN



NUTS



SUNFLOWER SEEDS



HAMSTER PELLETS



NO CANDY & CHOCOLATE



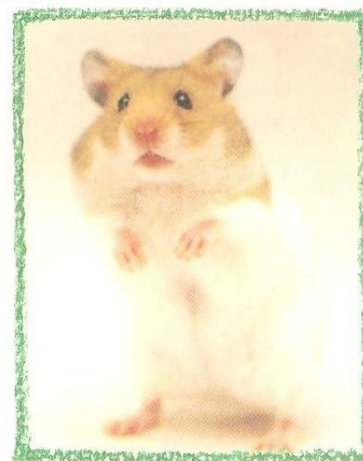
NO GARLIC



NO CHIVES & ONION



Dear Diary,  
Hamtaro keeps hiding sunflower seeds in his cheeks!





Dear Diary,

There are many different types of hamsters. Hamtaro is a Golden Hamster. My friend has a Siberian Hamster.



Chinese Hamster



Siberian hamster



Golden Hamster



Longhaired Golden Hamster



Roborovski Hamster



Campbells Hamster



A BOX FULL OF HAMSTERS



BABY HAMSTERS



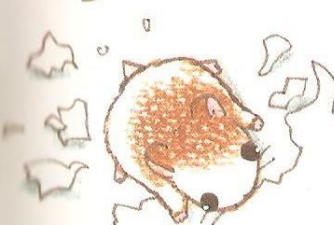
A PILE OF HAMSTERS

Dear Diary,

I love to play with Hamtaro. He's my smallest friend.



KRMP KRMP



PACKA-PACKA

NO,  
HAMTARO!  
STOP!

I love to  
play with  
Yukari!





# START



Get to the end of the maze by correctly answering every question. If your answer is "Yes," follow the →. If your answer is "No," follow the ➡. Test your knowledge of hamsters!

Hamsters are awake at night and asleep during the day.



Hamsters are good swimmers.

Hamsters like to live alone, so you shouldn't keep more than one in a cage.



Hamsters have pockets in their cheeks.



30 points!  
Not bad!



It's all right to feed hamsters nothing but sunflower seeds.



## HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW HAMSTERS?

50 points!  
Pretty good!



Hamsters don't have tails.



Hamsters' teeth grow throughout their life, so they wear them down by chewing on hard things.



Hamsters only have one baby at a time.



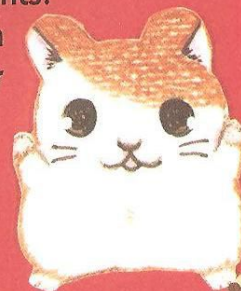
Wild hamsters hibernate in winter.



Wild hamsters dig and live in tunnels. That's why they love small enclosed spaces.♥



100 points!  
You're a hamster expert!

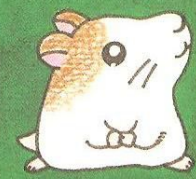






## A Friendly Visit

Yukari invited  
a friend over!



What will he  
be like?



I'm a little  
nervous! ♥



I'm a little  
excited,  
too!



HAMTARO,  
MEET CHIRO!

One day, Yukari's friend asked her  
to pet-sit.



At first, Chiro and I just  
stared at each other.

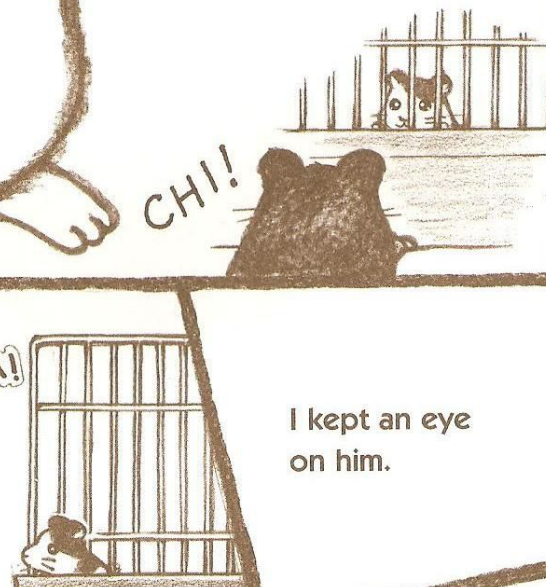
Chiro was nervous,  
because he was in  
a new place.



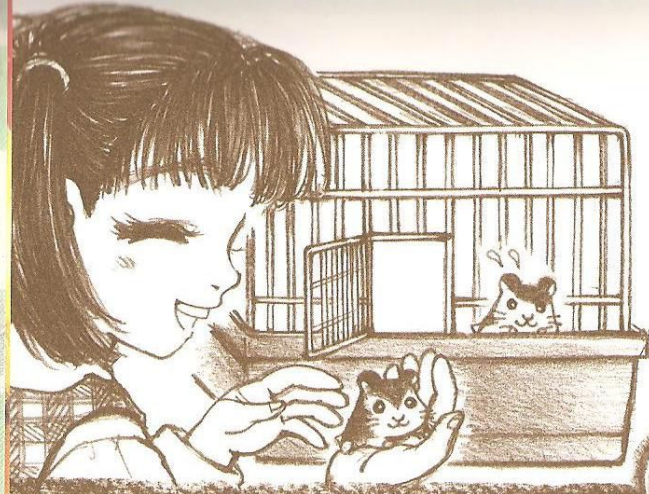
CHI!



I kept an eye  
on him.







"You two are going to be great friends," said Yukari.

Then she brought Chiro over to my cage!

"Go away!"

Hamsters are territorial.

GRR

This house is my house!

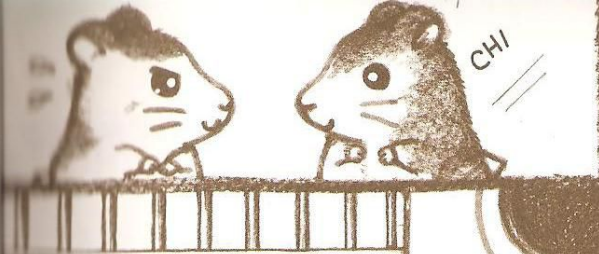
And those sunflower seeds are my sunflower seeds!

I hid them myself!

They're mine, all mine!

And that's my potty, too!

Everything in this cage belongs to me!



What if Chiro swipes my stuff!?

Chiro ate my sunflower seed!!

KRMP  
KRMP

PACKA  
PACKA

I'll never forgive you for that!



I was so mad, I  
ran and ran and  
ran and ran and  
ran on my wheel!

WHIZ

WHIZ

WHIZ

WHIZ

I tried to think  
things through...

*Fighting is wrong.*

*Poor Chiro is in a  
strange place.*

*He's probably just  
scared.*

WHIZ

*So I should be nice to him.  
And share my toys.*

WHIZ

WHIZ

WHIZ

After a while,  
Chiro and I curled  
up together and  
fell asleep.

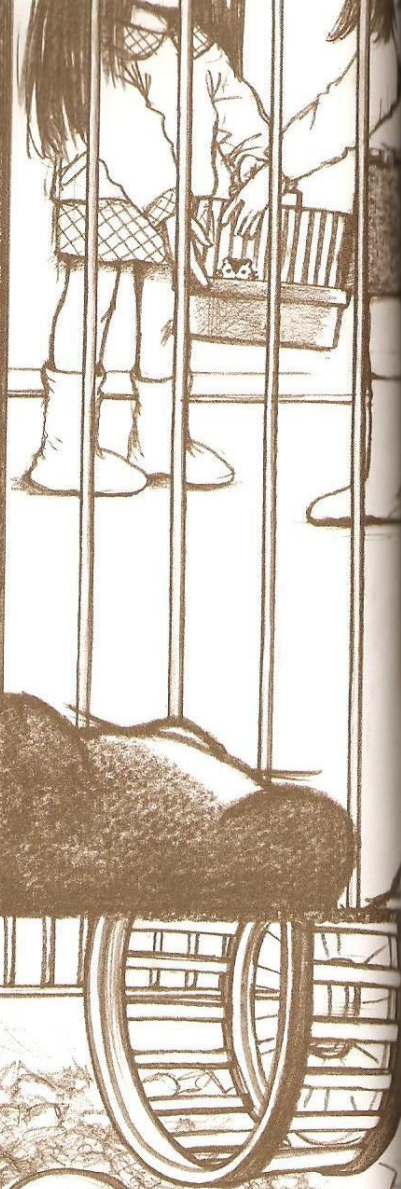
...when  
Chiro's  
girl came  
to pick  
him up.

We were sharing a  
carrot stick...



I was all alone again.

*When Chiro was here, my cage felt too small. But now that he's gone, my cage feels too big!*



*Is this what "lonely" means?*



I remembered the day I came to live with Yukari and had to sleep alone for the first time.



SNUFFLE  
SNUFFLE



HIF HIF



SNIFF  
SNIFF



My cage still smelled a little like Chiro.

*Next time I'll give him two sunflower seeds!*

*I hope he comes over to play again soon! ♡*

CHI!







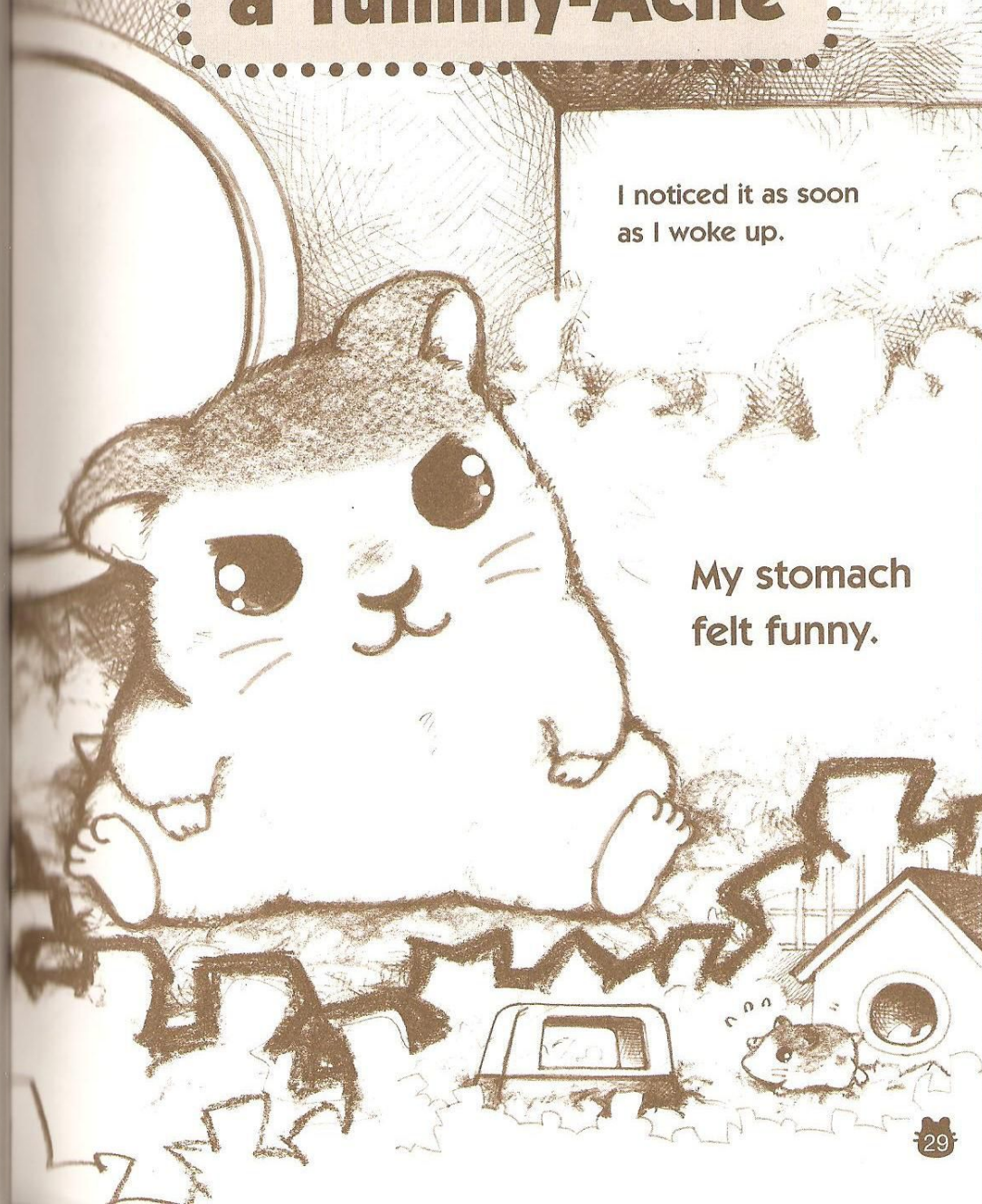
We hamsters hide our favorite foods in our bedding and dig them up whenever we're hungry for a snack.♥



## Hamtaro Gets a Tummy-Ache

I noticed it as soon as I woke up.

My stomach felt funny.



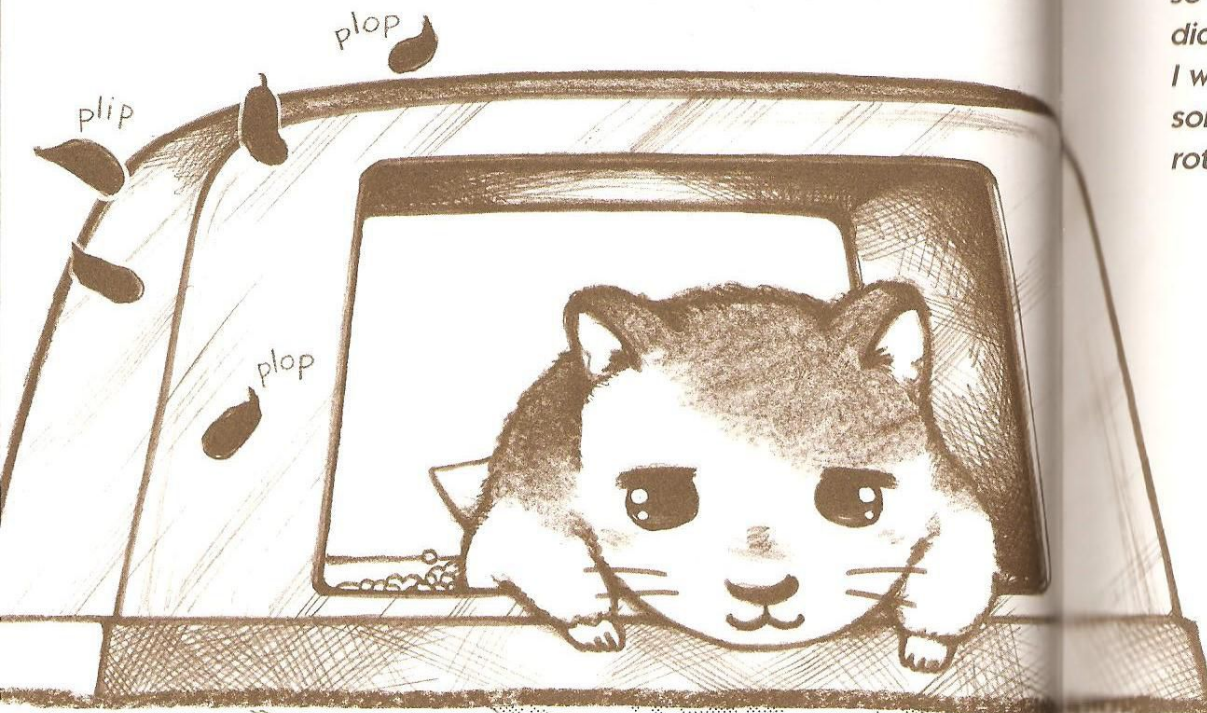


When I used the potty, my droppings weren't hard and round as usual.

I knew something wasn't right!

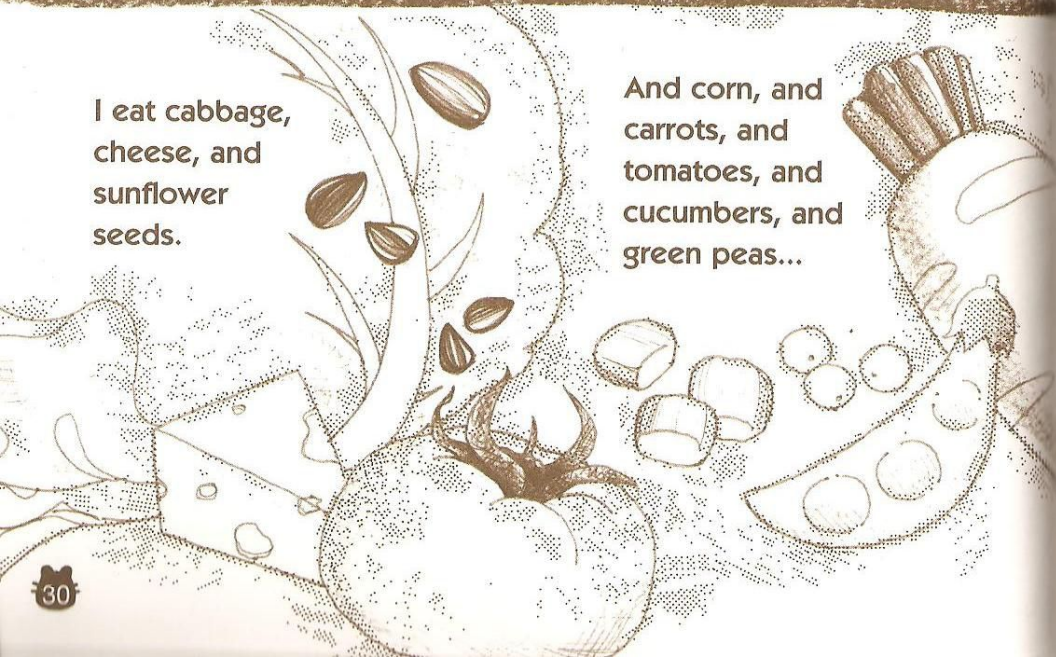
*What's wrong with my tummy?*

*Did I eat something bad?*

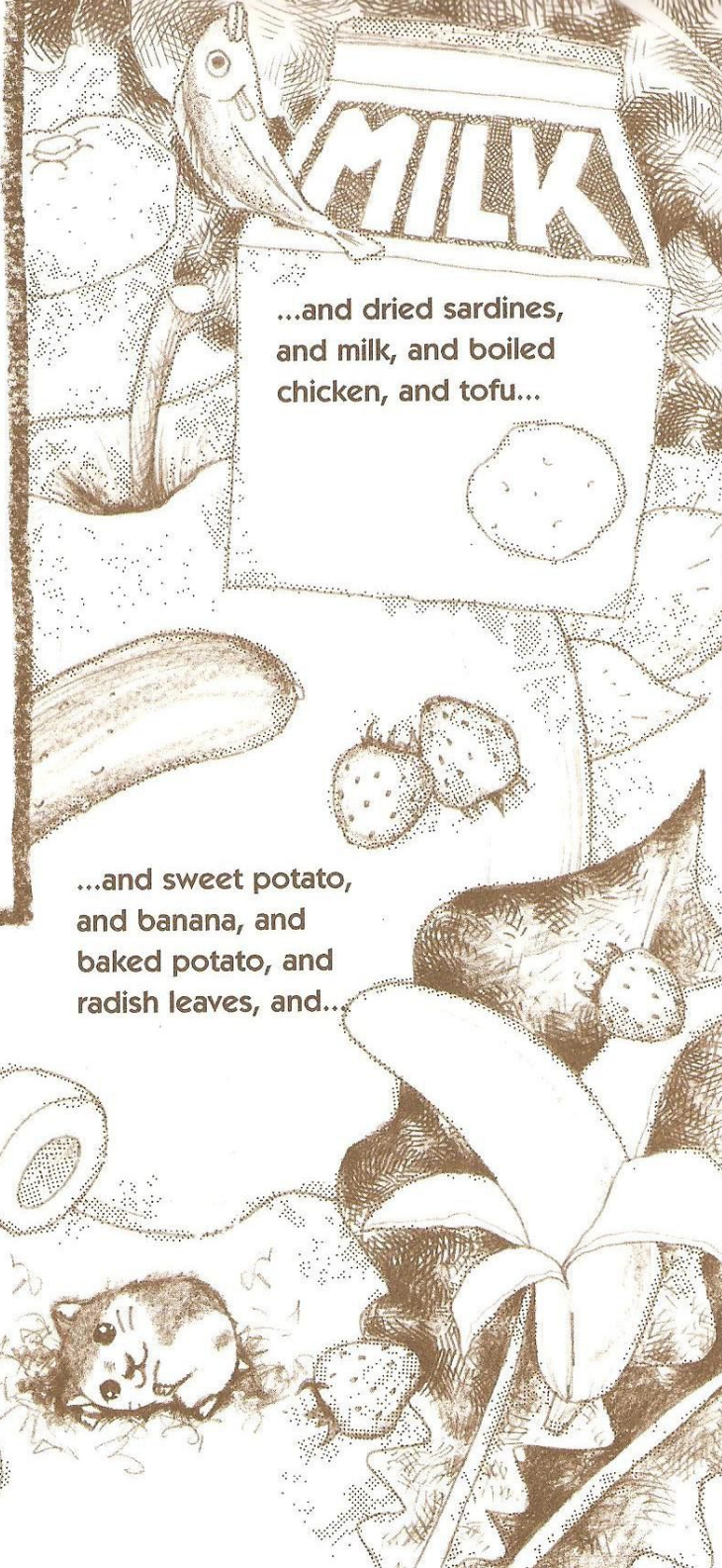


I eat cabbage, cheese, and sunflower seeds.

And corn, and carrots, and tomatoes, and cucumbers, and green peas...



*I love to eat! Maybe I ate so fast that I didn't notice I was eating something rotten...*



...and dried sardines, and milk, and boiled chicken, and tofu...

...and sweet potato, and banana, and baked potato, and radish leaves, and...

...hardboiled egg, apples, strawberries, oranges...



What am  
I doing!?

This won't help me  
figure out why I've  
got a tummy-ache this  
morning!

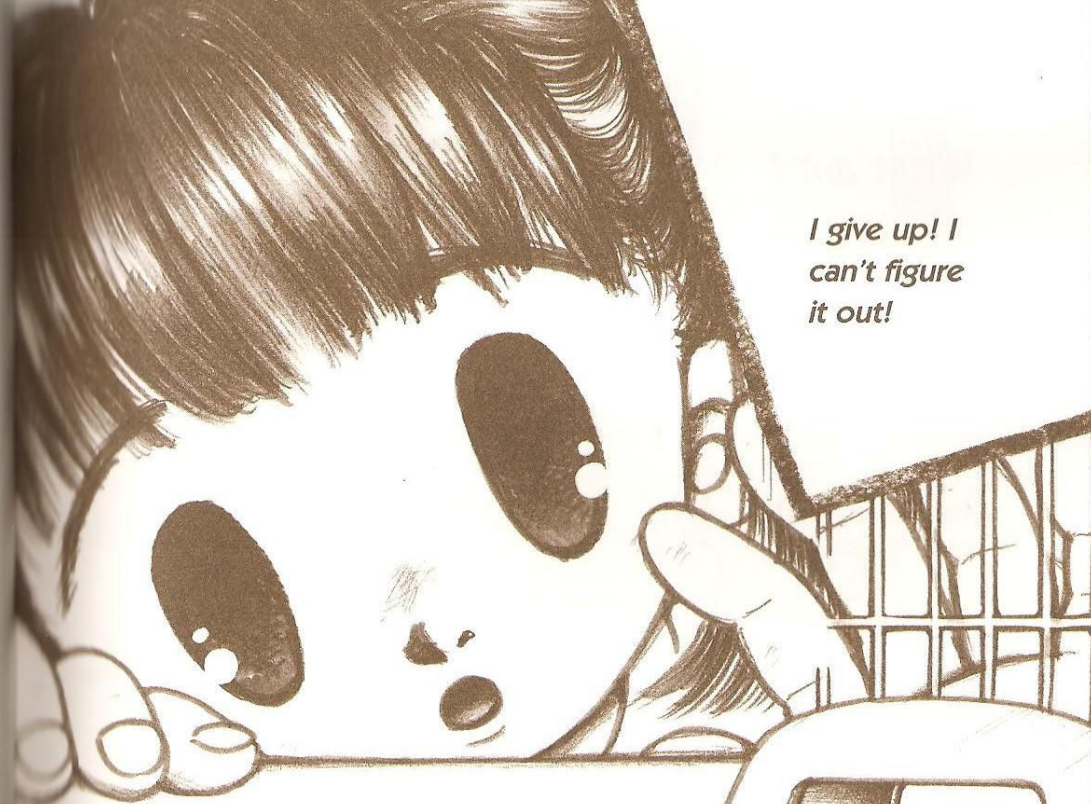


CABBAGE  
CHEESE

"I've got to  
concentrate..."

SUNFLOWER

I give up! I  
can't figure  
it out!



"Hamtaro?"

I turned to see who called my name.  
It was Yukari. She looked worried.

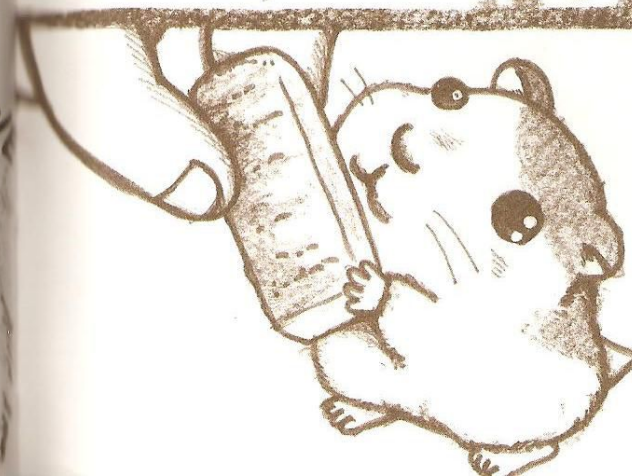
"What's wrong, Hamtaro?"



"Don't you want to come  
out and play today?"

When Yukari saw that I  
wasn't feeling good, she  
gave me a hamster biscuit.  
Lucky me!

Chow time! ♥





What am I  
thinking!?

I have a  
tummy-ache!

Did the cold give me  
a tummy-ache?

I curled up  
into a warm  
ball and slept.

The next day, my  
droppings were  
hard and round  
again, as usual.

plip  plopp

I feel  
better! ♥

Now, where'd  
that yummy  
hamster  
biscuit go...!?

KUSHI-  
KUSHI

I can eat this  
hamster biscuit  
after my  
tummy-ache  
goes away.

GRUMBLE

I'll go back  
to my house  
and take a  
nap instead.

It was cold,  
and the cold  
made me  
sleepy. After  
a while, my  
eyes closed.

HAMHA

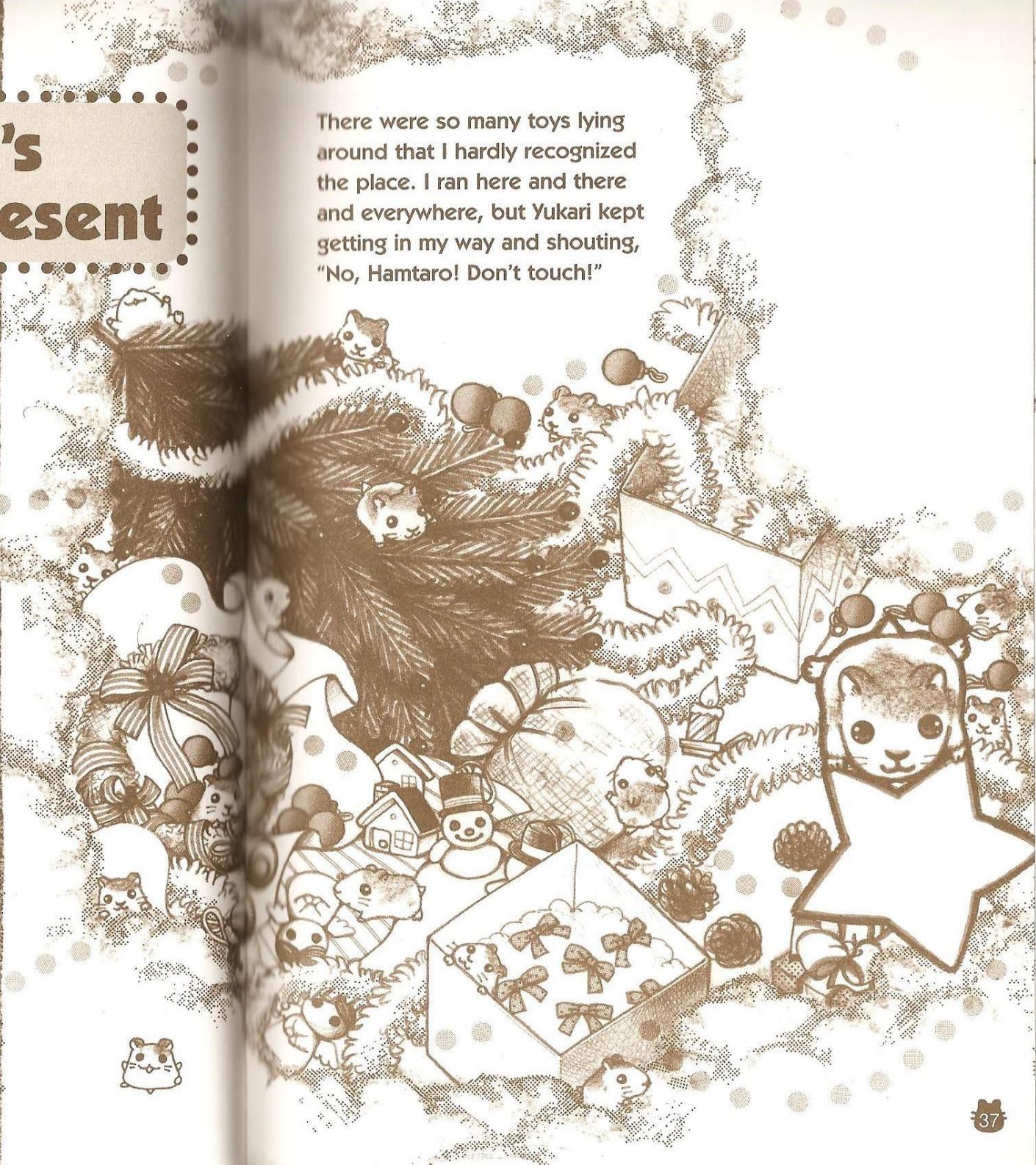


# Hamtaro's Christmas Present

One winter day, Yukari was very merry.

I had no idea why.

There were so many toys lying around that I hardly recognized the place. I ran here and there and everywhere, but Yukari kept getting in my way and shouting, "No, Hamtaro! Don't touch!"

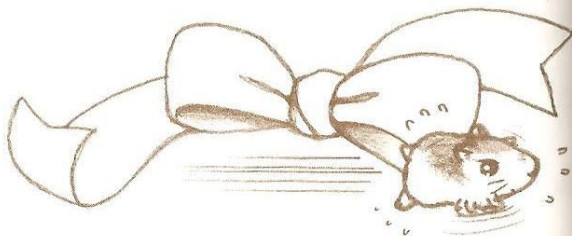




But I  
wanted  
to play!



I slipped out of Yukari's fingers  
and hid in a corner. I found a very  
interesting piece of cloth there....



*I want it!*

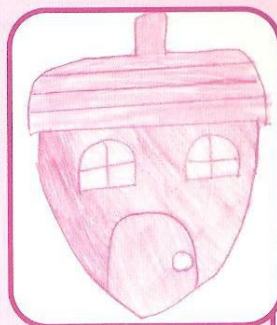
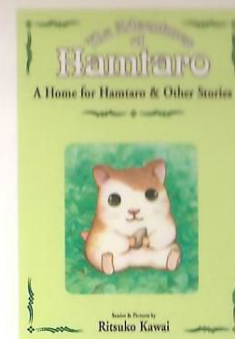


The cloth was soft like the tissues  
and cotton in my house, so I  
decided to take it home.



**GROOBA!**











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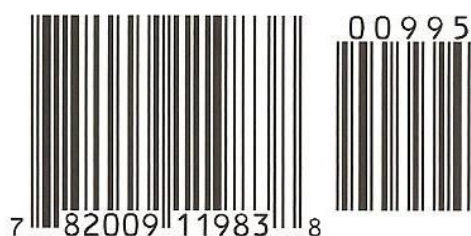
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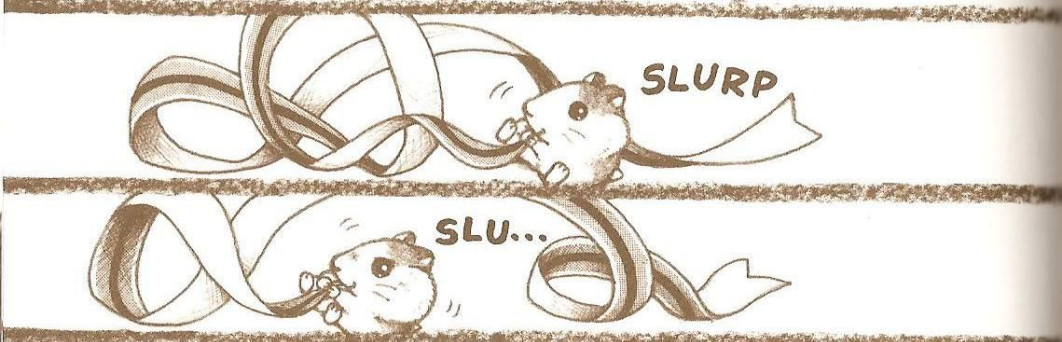
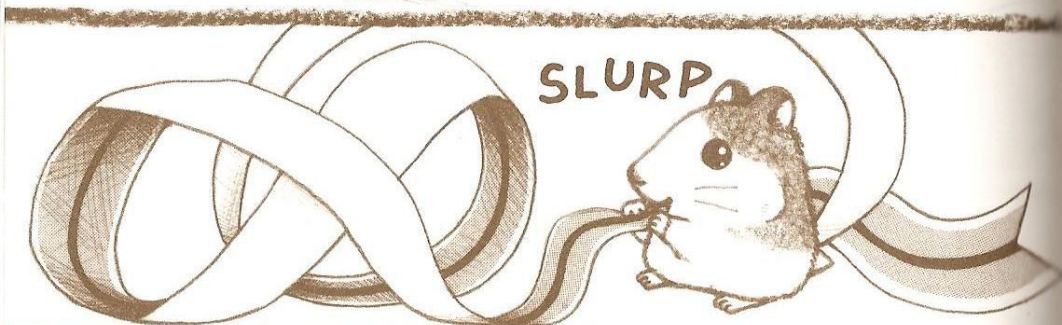


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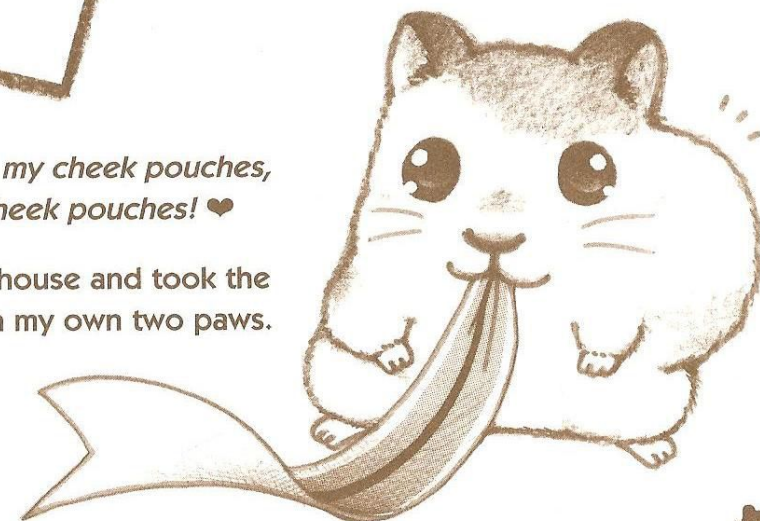
The cloth was longer than I thought. Before I knew it, my cheeks were full!

I heard Yukari's voice behind me. She pulled on the end of my cloth. But I wouldn't let her take it away from me!



*What goes in my cheek pouches, stays in my cheek pouches! ♥*

I went to my house and took the cloth out with my own two paws.







I lay down on the cloth. I wished Yukari could see my soft, pretty, new bed!

The next day, Yukari woke up much earlier than usual. "Santa came last night," she shrieked. "And he brought me a present!"



Who is this "Santa" guy?  
And where's my present?♥

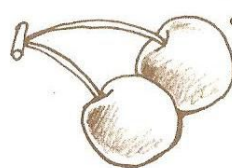


**HAMTARO!  
TURN  
AROUND!**

Who, me?  
I have  
nothing to  
do with it!







I WANT TO EAT IT!  
I WANT TO EAT IT!  
I REALLY  
WANT TO EAT IT!



We hamsters can fit a lot of food inside our cheek pouches. We don't digest the food there, though, so we can carry it around for a long time. Don't we look cute with our faces all puffed out?



I HAVEN'T EATEN IT...YET!



## Hamtarō Gets Lost



The day after Santa's visit, I faced my biggest danger yet...







I could hear Yukari's voice on the other side of the bag. It sounded like she was looking for me.

I didn't want Yukari to see how dirty I was, so I hid.

MAMA!  
I CAN'T FIND  
HAMTARO  
ANYWHERE!

I held very still so she wouldn't see me. Then I tried to think of a plan to get out of the bag on my own.

All that thinking made me sleepy....

The next thing I knew, the bag was shaking! But I felt safe in the dark center of the bag, so I stayed put.

BUSTLE  
BUSTLE

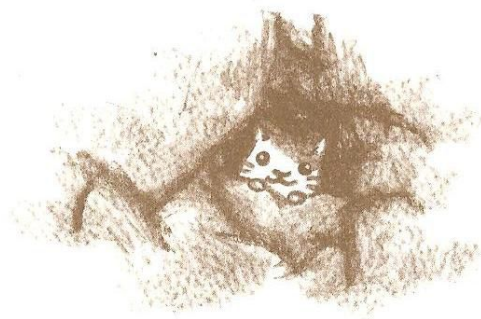


*Has Yukari given up looking for me?*

*I shouldn't have hidden in the bag when she called me!*

*Maybe she wanted to give me a treat!*

*Or maybe she wanted to play with me!*



HAM-  
TARO!





Yukari!!

*I knew Yukari wouldn't give up on me! She's been looking all this time!*

That gave me the strength to dig my way out.



At last, I saw Yukari's face on the other side of the bag.

"I'm sorry, Hamtaro," she said.



"I had no idea you were in there!"

I didn't understand Yukari's words. But then...

...even though I was so dirty, Yukari gently picked me up and held me to her face.

"I'm so glad I found you, Hamtaro!"

I was safe at last....



Yukari didn't care about my dirty fur, but I washed myself from top to bottom anyway.





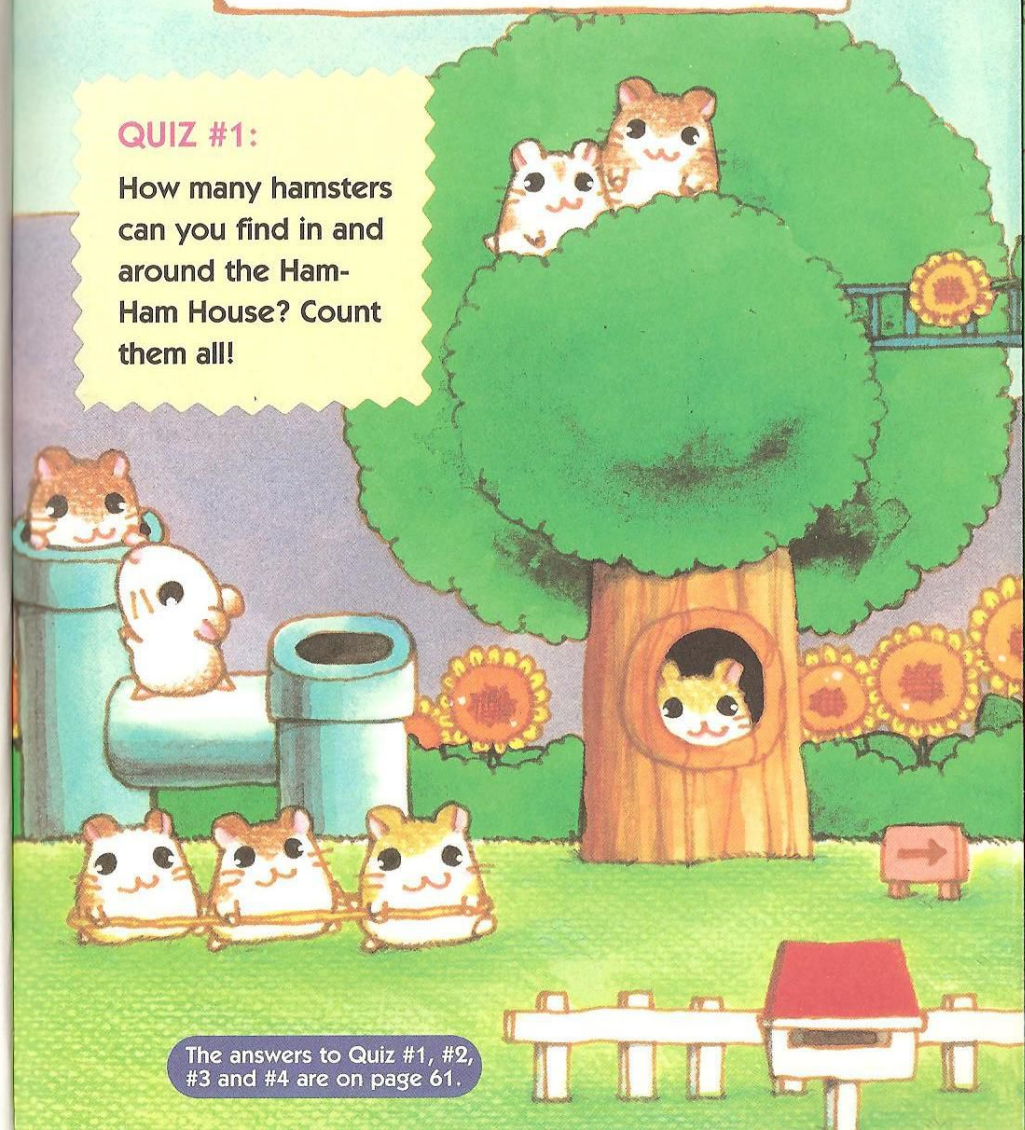


We hamsters love to explore every tunnel we find—even ones that go up! So don't let your hamster climb up and fall down! ♥



### QUIZ #1:

How many hamsters can you find in and around the Ham-Ham House? Count them all!

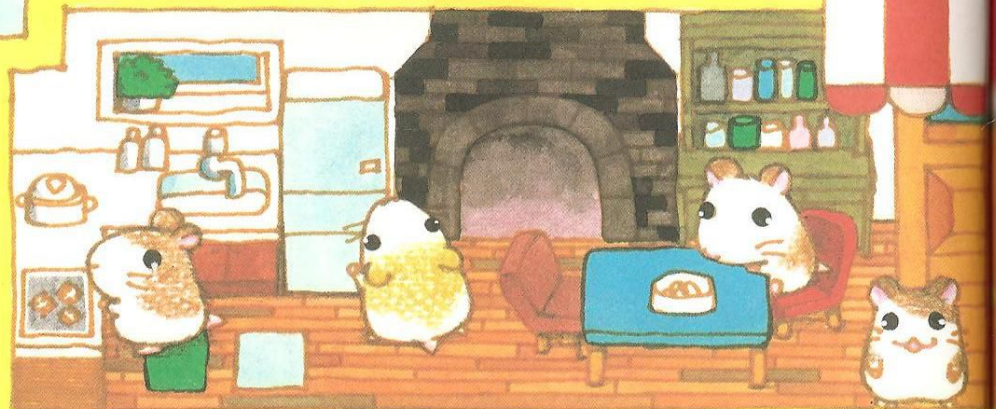
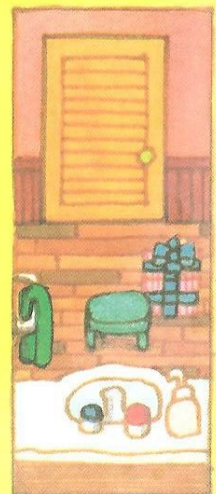
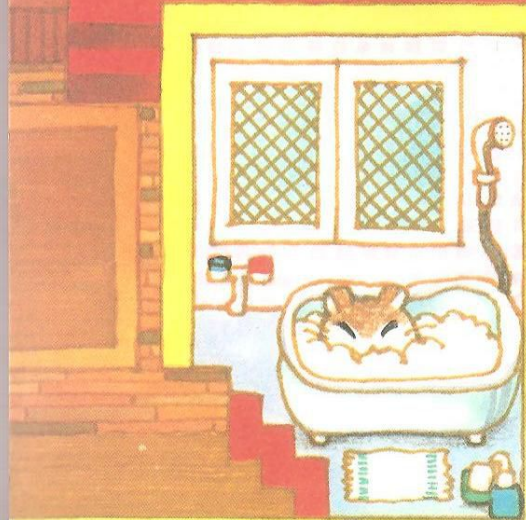


The answers to Quiz #1, #2, #3 and #4 are on page 61.















**QUIZ #4**

Where is Hamtaro?  
Hint: Make sure his markings match exactly!

**QUIZ #2**

Where is this present hidden?

**QUIZ #3**

How many hamsters are sleeping?

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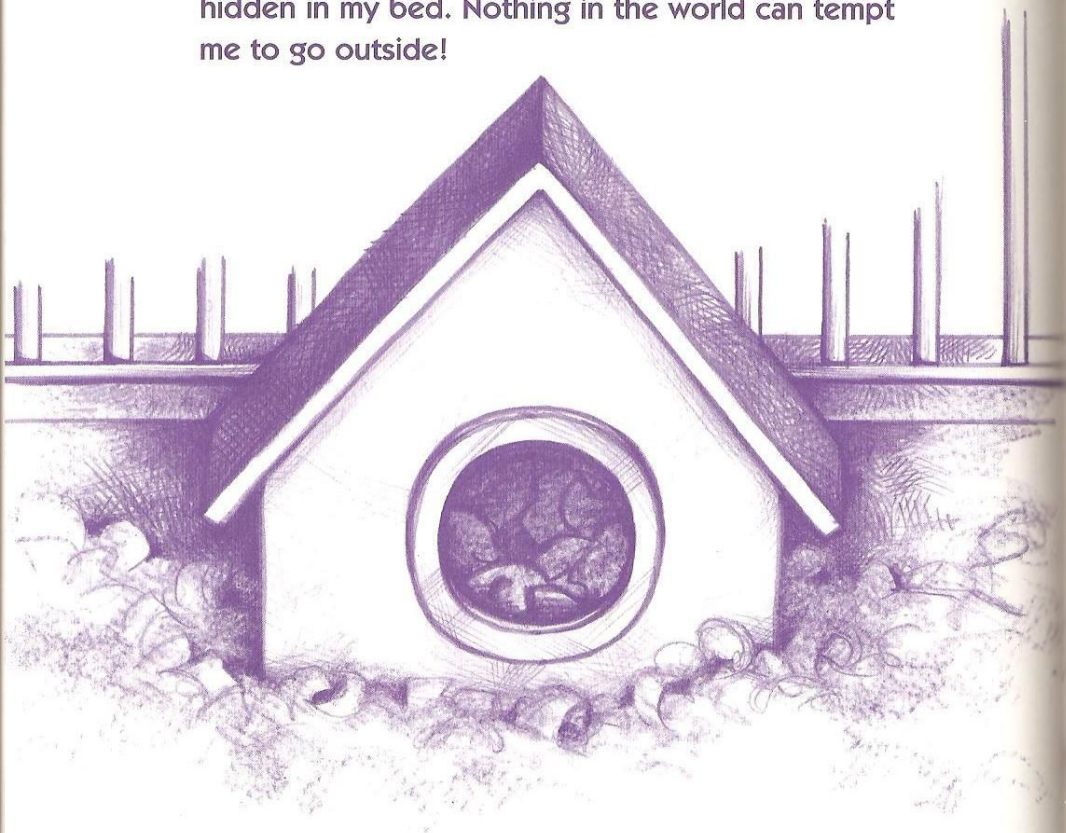
## A vertical strip of nine cat faces, each with a different expression or pose, arranged in a column. The cats are stylized with large eyes and simple features. The expressions range from sleepy to happy, and the poses include sleeping, eating, looking forward, and peeking. The strip is decorated with a dark blue triangle and two small blue buttons at the bottom.



# Cold Wave

When it gets cold, I spend a lot of time in my house.

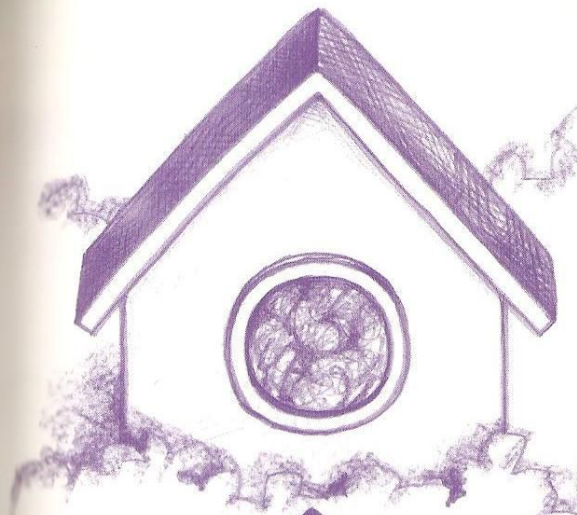
If I get hungry, I just eat the sunflower seeds I've hidden in my bed. Nothing in the world can tempt me to go outside!



Even when Yukari calls, "Hamtaro!" I don't budge.

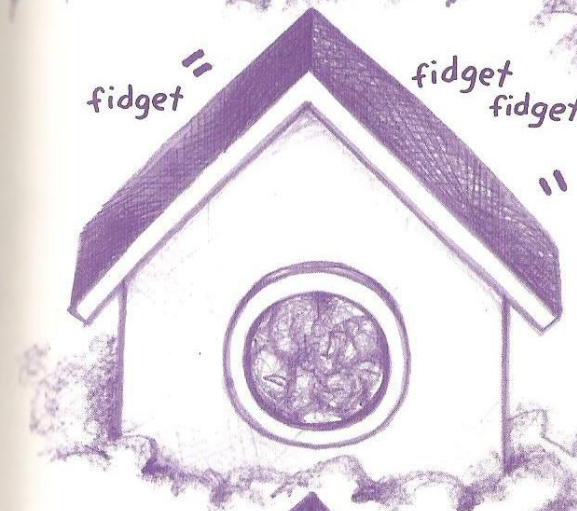
I cover my door to keep out drafts. I can't see Yukari then. And she can't see me.

But she has nothing to worry about. I'm fine inside.



But after a while, I have to go out of my house.

*I really have to go!*



While I'm out, I'll stash some snacks in my cheeks.

I poked out my nose and took a sniff.



*Still cold! Just as I thought!*

*If I go out, my warm bed will get cold. But I really, really have to go!*

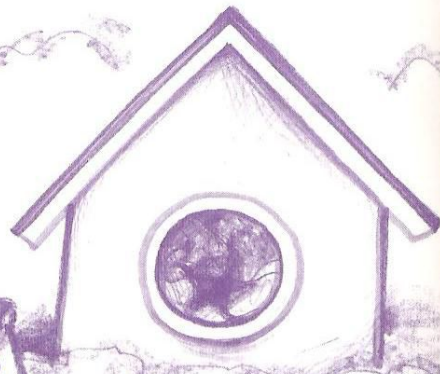
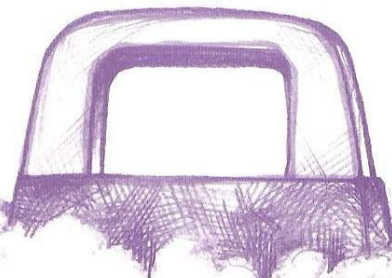


HIF

"



*I knew it! It's freezing!*



*I'm going back to my warm bed!*

TICKY-TICKY

"



*That's better! But...why did I go outside in the first place? Didn't I have some important business to take care of?*

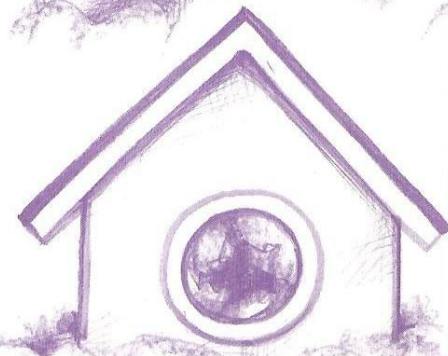
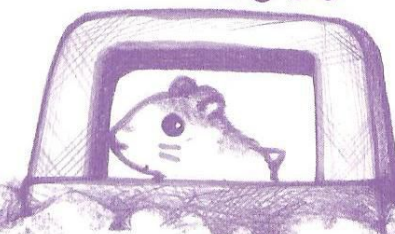


HIF  
HIF

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SSSS



*I remembered my important business was to pee!*

TICKY-TICKY

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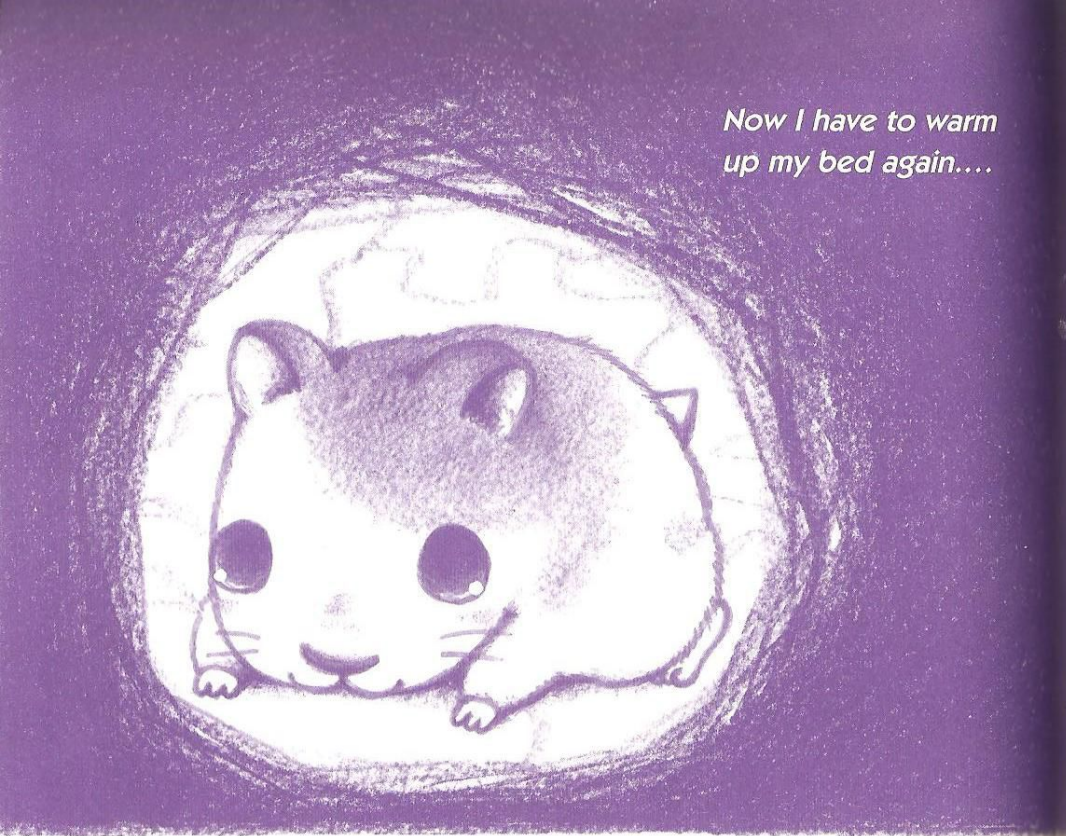


*It's not very cozy when my bed is wet.*





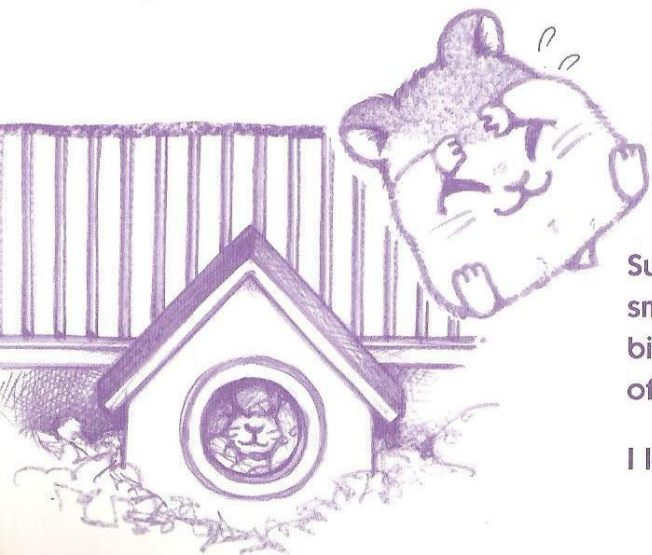
*Now I have to warm  
up my bed again....*



Finally my bed was warm.

But then I heard Yukari calling, "Hamtaro!"

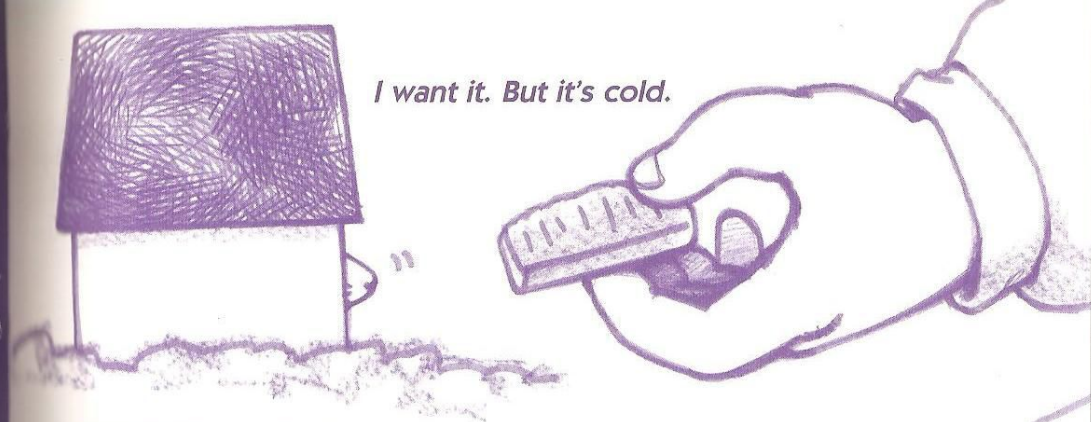
*Why can't she leave me alone? It's like the North Pole out there!*



Suddenly, a wonderful  
smell drifted in. A hamster  
biscuit! I stuck out the tip  
of my nose.

I love biscuits!

*I want it. But it's cold.*



*I want it. It's cold.*



*I want it. It's cold.*



*I give up!*





tee  
hee

YOU'RE SO SILLY,  
HAMTARO!

I poked my head out  
just far enough to  
eat my biscuit. Yukari  
thought that was  
very funny.

schmubby  
wubby

I must have seemed  
lazy to her.

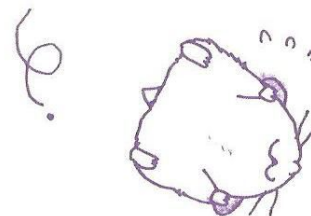
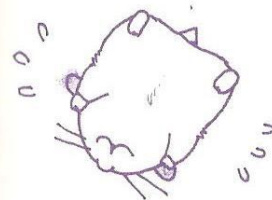


But I just don't like  
to leave my bed  
when it's cold!

Because my bed  
is warm!



We hamsters don't handle  
extreme temperatures well.  
We hate heat and we hate  
cold. The heat of summer  
makes us tired, and the cold  
of winter makes us sleepy.  
So be sure to keep our room  
a comfortable temperature,  
in between hot and cold!







## Krmpkrmp Trouble!

But when I gnaw on the wrong things, I get into trouble!

One day, I was playing on top of Yukari's desk. She left me alone for a minute, and I gnawed on the paper in front of me.



PACKA-PACKA

My teeth are growing all the time. I have to do a lot of gnawing to wear them down so they don't get too long.





I was happily gnawing away when I heard Yukari yell,  
"Stop that, Hamtaro!!"

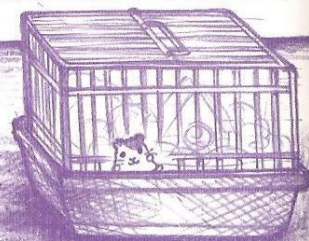
She yanked the paper away from me.

I was covered with paper snow.



"That's my diary!" shouted Yukari.

She put me back in my cage and  
cleaned up.



SNIFF

HOW COULD  
YOU DO THAT,  
HAMTARO?

I guess that paper  
I gnawed on was  
important to Yukari.



How can I tell what's important to Yukari and what isn't?

I've gnawed on a lot of other things that Yukari hasn't noticed yet....



Is she going to be mad at me when she finds out about them?



What if...



...Yukari never forgives me!!

That night, I went to sleep with a bad feeling.

The next day...

When I woke up, Yukari put a twig in my cage.



Is it all right for me to gnaw on this?





*Yukari understands that I have to gnaw on something.*

*I can't remember what I gnawed on yesterday that upset her so much.*

*But now we're good friends again, just like before!*

LET ME OUT!  
LET ME OUT!  
SOMEBODY LET  
ME OUT OF  
HERE!

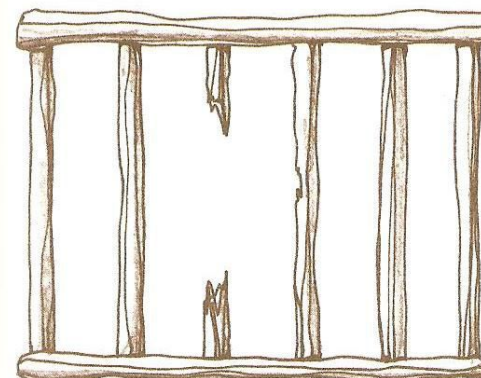


That made me  
happy, so I gnawed  
on her nose a little.  
And that made  
Yukari happy!



I'm proud of my strong teeth.  
They can gnaw through just  
about anything! Gnawing keeps  
my teeth from getting too long.  
But the truth is, it's fun to gnaw!

It's all so  
complicated!



I LOVE TO GNAW!





# Hamtaro's Bride

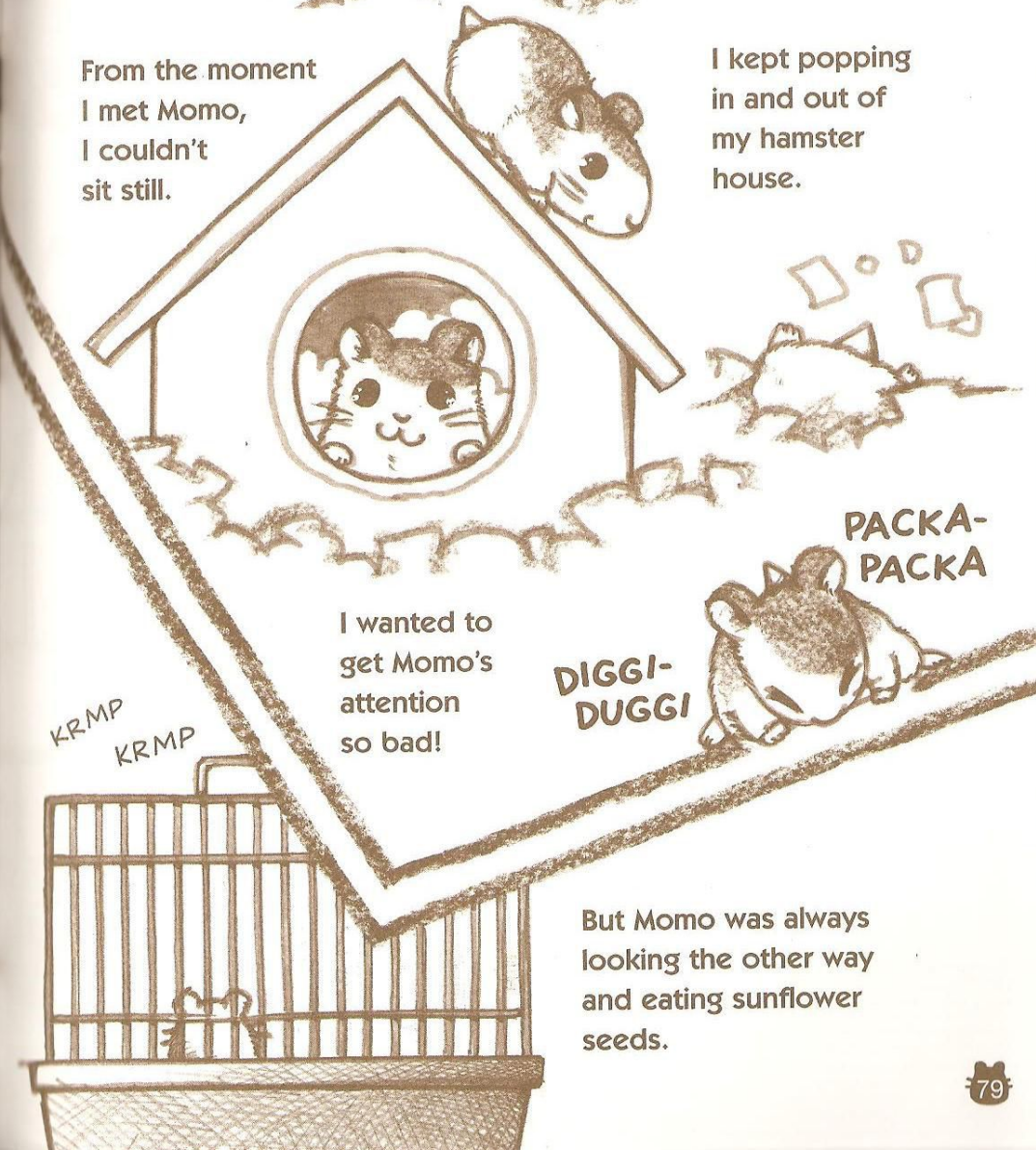
Yesterday,  
a female  
hamster  
moved in  
next door.

Momo is  
white and  
soft and  
fluffy. She's  
cute!



From the moment  
I met Momo,  
I couldn't  
sit still.

I kept popping  
in and out of  
my hamster  
house.



I wanted to  
get Momo's  
attention  
so bad!

DIGGI-  
DUGGI!

But Momo was always  
looking the other way  
and eating sunflower  
seeds.



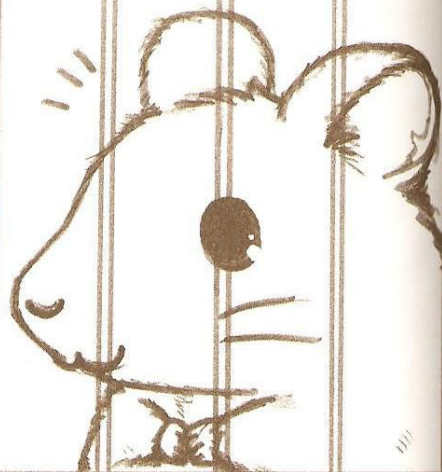


That night, I  
couldn't stand  
it anymore, so  
I sneaked out  
of my cage.

CHICK-AH  
CHICK-AH ...



I was closer  
to Momo  
than ever  
before!♥



ookyoo

ookyoo

ookwee



THUD



Momo pushed  
me away, so I  
ran back to  
my cage.

I tried to think of a way  
to get close to Momo.

*Why doesn't she like me?*



All that thinking  
made me sleepy....

I fell asleep and  
dreamt about  
Momo all night.

